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"(c) The dispute was settled by an award, called the Arundale Award, in 1874 and the award has been in force ever since. Under the award, 11 parts of the water flowing from the Vadakal, a branch of the Ramanadhi river were allotted for the Ayyampillaikulam and Pallivasalkulam tanks and eight parts for the Thenpatturkulam.

"(d) The ryots under the Ayyampillaikulam tank have applied for the construction of a separate channel for the specific purpose of dividing and taking off the 11 parts of the water allotted for the Ayyampillaikulam and Pallivasalkulam tanks under the Arundale Award.

"(e) No such orders were passed by the Board.

"(f) The Government have taken up the examination of the case with reference to a petition received from certain ryots under the Ayyampillaikulam tank.

"(g) & (h) The whole question including the legal aspects is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the fact that award has been in force since 1874, what is the special reason for the Government taking up this enquiry afresh without even a reference to the Board of Revenue?"

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" Evidently, Sir, the people living under either of those two tanks were on amicable terms but now they want a mechanical division of the water that flows through the canal and therefore, this trouble."

Co-operative House Construction Society.

* 129 *Q*.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Firka Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the towns where co-operative house construction societies have been formed; and the dates of their formation;

(*b*) the number of houses proposed to be built by each society and the estimated cost of the houses;

(*c*) the number of houses in respect of which construction has begun; and

(*d*) the number of houses completed by each society?

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" (*a*) Co-operative House Construction Societies have been registered at—

(1) Madras on 20th May 1947;

(2) Tanjore on 5th July 1947;

(3) Palamcottah on 24th July 1947;

(4) Tiruchirappalli on 23rd August 1947; and

(5) Madura on 31st October 1947.

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"(b) The number of houses proposed to be constructed by the (Adyar Colony)—

(1) The Madras Co-operative House Construction Society (Adayar Colony)—

332 houses (165 A Class, 89 B Class and 78 C Class);

(2) The Tanjore Co-operative House Construction Society— 61 houses (12 A Class, 10 B Class and 39 C Class);

(3) The Madura Co-operative House Construction Society— 211 houses (45 A Class, 53 B Class and 113 C Class);

(4) The Palamcottah Co-operative House Construction Society—

190 houses (21 A Class, 47 B Class, and 122 C Class);

(5) The Tiruchirappalli Co-operative House Construction Society has not yet secured any site—

The estimated cost of the A, B, and C Class houses are Rs. 15,000, 10,000 and 5,000 respectively. The estimates are slightly higher in the cases of houses to be constructed by the Madras Society.

"(c) Construction has begun in the case of 75 houses in Gandhinagar, Adyar. Other societies have not yet commenced actual construction of houses.

"(d) No house has so far been completed by any society."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—"May I know the reasons why so few houses have been started or completed in spite of the societies having been formed one-and-a-half years ago?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—"The non-availability of material and labour and the increased cost of building have been responsible for the delay."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know whether the building societies allot sites to houseless people or even to people who own houses?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—"It is generally allotted to people who have no houses."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—"Do the Government propose to allot sites to house owners also?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—"Under the existing conditions, the Government will consider that question also."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—"May I know, Sir, what is the minimum cost of a building?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—"Rs. 5,000."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—"Do the Government think that the poor people who have no homes can afford to spend Rs. 5,000 on a building?"

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THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" They were not intended for the poor people; there should be another scheme for them."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Have the Government any scheme under contemplation for the construction of houses costing a few hundreds of rupees?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" Yes, Sir. It is under contemplation."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Have any steps been taken in pursuance of that contemplation?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" Steps are being taken."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" When do the Government expect the first house under that scheme being completed?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" As early as possible, perhaps within the next two or three months."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know, Sir, how many people who possessed houses and lands have been allotted houses-sites by these building co-operative societies?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" I suggest a separate question may be put."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that the present policy of the Government is to discourage construction of A and B Class houses?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" The policy is not to grant big loans for A Class houses."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Have the Government any idea of the homeless people in Madras City?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" Yes, Sir; they are in our minds."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Have they any idea of the number—whether it is tens of thousands, or thousands or a few hundreds—of homeless people sleeping on the pavements in the City?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" There is no statistics taken yet, Sir."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Could it not be arrived at from the recent enumeration?"

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Would the Government take statistics?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" We shall consider that question."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Have the Government passed any orders that house-sites should not be allotted to those who already possess houses?"

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THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" No, Sir."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Will the Government be pleased to pass an order hereafter that house-sites should not be allotted to people already owning houses? "

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" The question has to be considered."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the fact that members of co-operative societies for house building are entitled to take loans from the societies, will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of prohibiting members who already own houses from getting loans from the societies? "

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" That question will be considered ; that is the general policy of the Government."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Were the estimates of the cost of houses raised on account of the great delay which occurred? "

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" Yes, Sir. New estimates had to be prepared."

Alleged disturbance in the Stanley Medical College.

* 130 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the male students of the Stanley Medical College got drunk on the Independence Anniversary Day, namely, 15th August 1948, in the hostel attached to the said college;

(*b*) whether they behaved in a disorderly manner towards the lady students of the college;

(*c*) whether any action was taken by the Principal of the college to prevent or stop such drinking and the causing of nuisance to the lady students; and

(*d*) whether the Government have taken any action with regard to the incidents that happened in the hostel on that day; and if so, in what direction?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The hostel students of the Stanley Medical College had a dinner in the college hall on the Independence Anniversary Day and no alcoholic drink was allowed or served with the dinner. The Principal and the staff of the College were present with their families ; no disorderly behaviour of any kind was brought to the notice of the Principal ;

" (*c*) & (*d*) Do not arise."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether any drinks were taken by any of the students on that day, the 15th August 1948? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Which drinks do you mean? "

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Drinks which will make a person intoxicated and make him dance."